NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF SALEM

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Innovative Development Fund (IDF) Program

The County of Salem will hold a Public Hearing on July 15, 2009 at 4:00 pm, 94 Market Street, Salem City, New Jersey.

The purpose of this hearing is as follows: (1) to explain federal and state guidelines; (2) to review eligible and proposed program activities; (3) to consider proposals for an application under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; and (4) to receive citizen comments and recommendations.

Total Funds Available: \$7,000,000

At least 70 percent of the funds available must be used for activities that primarily benefit people of low and moderate income. None of the funds requested will result in the displacement or relocation of people.

Eligible activities include:

- 1. Acquisition of real property;
- 2. Acquisition, construction, or installation of public facilities;
- 3. Code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating areas;
- 4. Clearance, demolition and rehabilitation of buildings;
- 5. Special projects to remove architectural barriers which restrict accessibility of the elderly and handicapped;
- 6. Provision of public services;
- 7. Activities necessary to develop:
 - A comprehensive community development plan; and
 - Policy planning management capacity to enable the recipient to more effectively administer the program:
- 8. Payment of reasonable administrative costs; and
- 9. Activities carried out by public or private non-profit organizations.

The County of Salem is considering applying for up to \$500,000 in funding to assist Ranch Hope, Inc. to construct a new Sanitary Sewer System which will be linked to the new sanitation system being constructed in Alloway Township. The new sanitary system will be support the Ranch Hope facility located at 45 Sawmill Road, Alloway, New Jersey.

All citizens are encouraged to attend and offer comments at the public hearing or by writing to the County of Sale, 94 Market Street, Salem City, NJ Attention: Mr. Earl Gage, County Administrator within ten (10) days following the public hearing. Written comments may also be sent to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Grant Development & Contract Administration Unit, P.O. Box 811, Trenton, NJ 08625-0811.

By order of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem, Lee R Ware, Director.

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